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Brig. Gen. Todd Semonite, North Atlantic Division Commander, holds a Town Meeting at the New England District.

NAD Commander discusses Vision at town meeting

Brig. Gen. Todd Semonite, North Atlantic Division Commander, spent some time with the New England District team talking about the Vision Implementation Plan and recognizing individuals for outstanding performance during a town meeting on March 28.

"The purpose of the Vision Implementation Plan is to implement specific goals and objectives under four pillars to perform as the most effective Division in the Corps of Engineers," said Brig. Gen. Semonite. "This will be accomplished by designating proponents for each pillar and implementing each goal/objective while maximizing efficiencies of vertical and horizontal execution. The end-state is achieved when the North Atlantic Division realizes the 'Division Vision' in all essential and important tasks."

The Division Commander explained four pillars that the Division will use to achieve its vision:

- **Create a world-class MSC workforce.** The intent is to attract, develop and retain a diverse, world-class, highly motivated, talent-powered, empowered workforce that demonstrates an expeditionary mindset.

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Yankee Voices

Ian Osgerby
Engineering/Planning



Spring cleaning can reduce fire hazards

The Alameda County Fire Department of California says that thorough spring cleaning can reduce fire hazards around the house. "Clear out attics, closets, and basements that are stuffed with items that may feed a fire."

Old mattresses, boxes, linens, and paper are perfect places for a fire to start. (*Ideas Unlimited*)

Changing windshield wipers

Automotive experts recommend changing the blades in your windshield wipers every 6 to 12 months for optimum performance and driving visibility. Worn or damaged wiper blades do a poor job of removing precipitation, and they can't properly clear the mud, salt and oil that splash up from the roadway. If your wipers are chattering, streaking, or failing to consistently wipe the windshield clean, then it's time to replace them. (*Ideas Unlimited*)

Congratulations

...to the Naugatuck River Basin Environmental Compliance Coordinator **Steven D. Patchkofsky** who was named Employee of the Month for January. In addition to handling coordination with various Corps (Concord), Conn. Dept. of Environmental Protection, Naugatuck River Basin staff and contractors on two sediment removal contracts at Black Rock Lake and Northfield Brook Lake Patchkofsky also oversaw the proper handling and disposal/manifesting of creosote timber removal in Stamford.

...to **Dave Margolis** who was named Employee of the Month for February. Margolis received the honor for his outstanding efforts as New England District's first Levee Safety Program Manager.

...to the **Stamford Dewatering Team** for being named Team of the Quarter. The team received the honor for the successful completion of the out-year dewatering and anode inspection/replacement work at the Stamford Hurricane Barrier. **Team members included Diana Errico-Topolski, Chris Cogley, Marci Montrose, Brett Markure, Reese Piper (Co-op), Steve Patchkofsky, Christopher Way, John Winkleman, Sheila Harvey and John Kedzierski.**

Spring cleaning tips for allergy sufferers

Try these suggestions from the Mayo Clinic to help reduce allergens in your home:

- Wash sheets and blankets once a week in water heated to at least 130 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Use allergy-proof covers on mattresses, box springs and pillow.
- Vacuum carpets and furniture weekly with a vacuum cleaner equipped with a small-particle or HEPA filter.
- Consider removing carpeting, especially where you sleep, if you're highly sensitive to dust mites.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America adds these tips:

- To manage mold, use an air conditioner or dehumidifier to keep humidity in your home below 50 percent. Use kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans.
- Bathe cats or dogs on a weekly basis and keep them off the furniture. (*Ideas Unlimited*)

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Commander's Corner:

Time to think about summer safety

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District Commander



Winter was late to arrive this year and it seems intent on making up for its tardiness by lingering well into spring. Yet at some time in the not too distant future, warmer weather will arrive and with it the call of the great outdoors. Therefore, I would like to spend a few moments this month talking about summer safety, both at work and at play.

First, last summer we saw an increase in three types of injuries: tick bites, improper or lack of eye protection and improper handling of a knife. "Ground zero" for Lyme disease is Lyme, Conn. While Brad Paisley may have written a currently popular country song titled "I'd Like to Check You for Ticks." I'm not volunteering. So please take some time whenever you return from working outside to check yourself over. We also had several incidents where people operating equipment (and even a garden hose in one case) failed to use their safety goggles resulting in splinters and

contaminated material getting in their eyes. While none of the incidents proved serious any could have been. Many years ago as a young Boy Scout I was taught to "cut away from my body when using a knife." Last year we had several injuries when people got careless and failed to follow that simple rule.

Second, as the weather improves our outdoor activity increases as well. Both on the job and off, the potential for injuries increase. As I mentioned in an article last spring, the "construction season" in New England has a limited window for outside work and we rush to accomplish as much as we can during this time. However, in our haste we cannot cut corners that increase our risk. Many accidents occur when we try to shave a little time off a project by taking a shortcut. Invariably this leads to accidents that actually lengthen the time needed. A disciplined approach to safety will ultimately lead to a faster and safer end result.

Third, increased outdoor work leads to increased encounters with the flora and fauna and these encounters can have their own unintended consequences. Poison Ivy, insects, skunks, raccoons, moose and even bears, the list of potential encounters and their consequences is endless. Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precau-

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- **Aggressively execute the Division's missions.** The Division's mission is to execute its military, civil works, environmental and emergency operations programs in the best, fastest, safest and most cost-effective, and greenest possible manner, while leading the Corps in supporting Emergency Operations and the Global War on Terror missions.

- **Realize the benefits of regionalization.** Actualize the Regional Business Center as the basic business unit of the region. The purpose is to foster interdependence amongst district and national centers of expertise, and to make best use of limited resources to solve complex problems and deliver quality products efficiently and effectively to customers and stakeholders.

- **Strengthen and foster our strategic relationships.** We will work with our customers, partners and stakeholders to develop technically sound, economically justified and environmentally sustainable solutions in an open, transparent, way.

"The Vision should be the driver of everything we do," said Brig. Gen. Semonite. "It is enabled by our time

(calendars), money (budget), people (hiring) and communication (STRATCOMS)."

The Division Commander concluded his talk about Vision Implementation by saying that the challenge will be to validate the existing goals and objectives, provide feedback on new or emerging goals and priorities, describe how we can collectively meet the next year's challenges and events as briefed, and most importantly how we can collectively accomplish the vision.

Brig. Gen. Semonite also talked about the state of the Division to include ongoing projects, the Division's work in Iraq and Afghanistan, and P2. He also praised the New England District team on the strong relationships with customers and the good work it does.

During the awards portion of the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Semonite honored a number of individuals for exceptional work performed both in and outside the District. See awards story on page 10.

After answering some questions from the audience on topics such as the Global War on Terror and the next generation of NAD employees, Brig. Gen. Semonite concluded the town meeting.



(Inset and above) Jennifer Rockett educates children about nature during River Day.

Photos provided by Franklin Falls/Blackwater Dams

Interpreter of the Year:

Jennifer Rockett takes New England District's 2007 honor

Jennifer Rockett, Park Ranger at the Franklin Falls and Blackwater Dams, has received New England District's Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence for 2007. Rockett received the award during NAD Commander Brig. Gen. Todd Semonite's town meeting held at the New England District's Concord Park headquarters March 28. The award acknowledges an individual who has done exceptional work in the interpretive services profession.

"Jennifer Rockett has shown her exemplary resourcefulness, judgment and ingenuity to accomplish multiple tasks including the planning and execution of a large spectrum of interpretive services," said Michael Hayward, Park Manager of Franklin Falls and Blackwater Dams. "Her positive outlook, quiet cheerfulness and selfless service make her highly respected and admired throughout USACE New England."

As a direct result of Rockett's direction and dedication, the Franklin Falls and Blackwater Dam have one of the most comprehensive and successful interpretive service programs in the District. Most notable was the success of the 2006 River Day event that was attended by over 400 students from the Newfound and Franklin school districts.

Rockett's other successful initiatives include creating a dog sled education program for the Newfound School District and organizing Public Lands Day events. Rockett's partnering with organizations such as the New Hampshire Horse Council, the New Hampshire Musher's, the New England Mountain Bike Association, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and surrounding school districts have resulted in numerous successful interpretation and outreach events.

"Jennifer works extremely hard to

make any and all of the programs she does unique to the audience she is giving the program to," said co-worker Park Ranger Karen Tyron. "She is an extremely hard working and generous individual who will help out with anything you ask of her. I have enjoyed working and learning from Jennifer, she is a great leader and co-worker."

Rockett's name will be forwarded as New England District's nomination for Division and national interpretive services awards.

The Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence is one of five Chief of Engineer's Natural Resource awards given out annually. The award has a stringent criteria and nominees must excel in the following categories: creativity and originality; made a positive experience for visitors; and enhancement of the public's understanding of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the site.

Volunteer turns old orchard into wildlife habitat

Story and photo by Claudia Hixson
Buffumville Lake

Optimal wildlife habitat grows scarcer and scarcer around southern New England. Population pressures, invasive species and land development threaten native species and our opportunity to observe them. Recently, a New England District volunteer, with the help of some Park Rangers and a contractor, has made quality habitats that less hard to find on Corps property with the newly refurbished orchard that is now home to some local animals.



Above from left: Jim Hachigian, David Rose and Merlon Bassett take a break from working on the new habitat.

In the summer of 2006, David Rose, a longtime volunteer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and avid outdoorsman, happened upon a derelict, overgrown, apple orchard in the woods behind Hodges Village Dam. Seeing its potential as a wildlife food plot and loafing area, Rose persuaded Corps employees to help him clear and manage the old orchard for birds, deer and other animals. The field is small -- just over an acre -- but an acre of nutritious food and proper cover can be extremely valuable to creatures inhabiting an environment that has been altered many times for human purposes.

"Dave's active efforts to help us improve and restore our public lands are an inspiration," said Timothy Russell, Project Manager of Hodges Village Dam. "The U.S. Army Corps of Engi-

neers is very fortunate to have David Rose as a partner in this project. If it weren't for his infectious enthusiasm the restoration project might not have been started."

Sheltered by stone walls on three sides and bordered by water, beavers had accessed the old orchard and gnawed its aged fruit trees, rendering their health generally beyond recovery. But because the abandoned field's soil was rich and had already been cleared of rocks by long-ago farmers, the gently sloping lot was still a promising project.

The first step was to clear the land of mature white pine, wild cherry and birch to bring the sunlight back in. Rose, Merlon Bassett of West Hill Dam and Jim Hachigian of the Thames River Basin Office felled, trimmed and sectioned most of the unwanted timber during the last week of October 2006.

Branchflower Logging of Leominster, Mass., which was doing clearing work for the Corps in the area, dragged away the larger pieces wood. Rose pushed the leaves, the branches, needles and bark into burn piles with a tractor.

In January 2007, the manager and ranger staff at Buffumville Lake and Hodges Village Dam burned the piles down to charcoal over the course of two days. When the weather improves this spring, Rose plans to return and cut back the remaining shad bush and barberry copse and plant instead holly, hackberry, wild plum and other plants beneficial to wildlife. He hopes to also install a bench for hikers to rest and observe the French River beyond the wetlands.



John Kedzierski helps a child design a kite at the "Build Some Fun" event.

Photos by C.J. Allen

District Engineers show children how to 'Build Some Fun' at Museum of Science

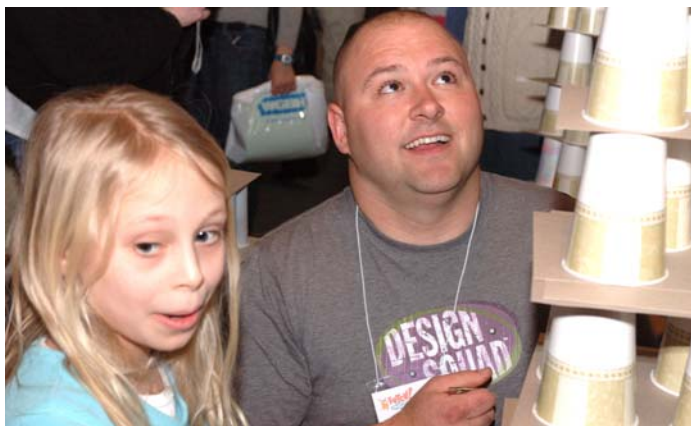
New England District engineers demonstrated to youngsters how much fun engineering can be when they participated in the "Build Some Fun" event at the Museum of Science in Boston March 10. The event, sponsored by the Museum and WGBH Public Television, celebrated the creative world of engineering with hands-on activities to inspire young future engineers.

"I believe it is imperative that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers help foster the future engineers of our country," said James Hachigian, Park Ranger at West Thompson Lake. He and his wife, Melanie were on hand to help out with this year's event.

Crowds of children stormed each activity table, but instead of being overwhelmed, New England District engineers seemed more energized. "Families came from all over Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island to participate in the event," said Susan Buckey, "Build Some Fun"

coordinator for WGBH. Buckey praised all of the volunteers for their efforts. "It was your smiles and helpful words that had families leaving the museum happy and fulfilled."

Activities included designing kinetic sculptures that move in the wind, skyscrapers made from cups and buzzing alarms. New England District engineers enjoyed helping the children with their projects while watching them learn and have fun at the same time. "It's always interesting to see the changes kids make in their inventions and see what they think of the results," said Paul Howard, Regulatory.



Jim Hachigian and a young attendee wonder if their cup tower will stay upright.



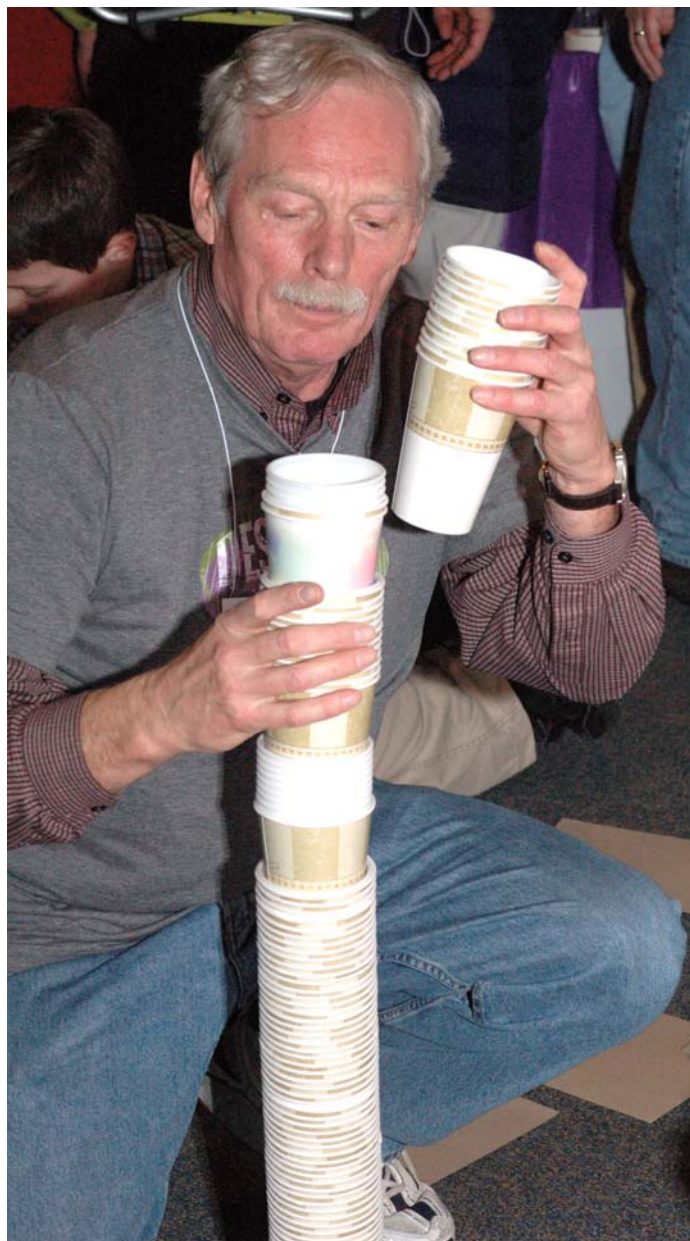
Paul Howard answers questions during the "Build Some Fun" event.



Participants take a quick break from enthusiastic attendees. Thousands attended the "Build Some Fun" event at the Museum of Science.

In addition to Hachigian and Howard, Gary Lacroix, John Kedzierski and Ian Osgerby represented the New England District at the event.

Over 6,400 people attended "Build Some Fun." There were so many children, that New England District engineers aided the Museum of Science people with their activities. "They were true pinch hitters when the Museum of Science activities got overwhelmed," said Buckley. "I was really impressed to see how many kids stuck with an activity for a half hour or longer! They were hooked on engineering, thanks to you!"



Ian Osgerby prepares cups for the tower-building exercise.



Gary Lacroix was one of several District engineers who participated in the "Build Some Fun" event.

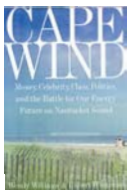
Media Perspectives:
The Army Corps of Engineers

Beleaguered Bureaucracy or Responsive Agency with Integrity?

Answer: What time is it?



Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney
at Yarmouth Hearing.



Commentary & Book Review by
Larry Rosenberg
Chief, Public Affairs

Photography by Mark McNerney

I just finished reading a New York Times editorial about the Army Corps of Engineers - oh well, here we go again. We are seemingly living in a world where the media sees the words "beleaguered" and "Corps" going together like milk and honey, Burns and Allen, or Beeves and Butthead. Nearly seven years ago a similar situation (no not Beeves and Butthead, the beleaguered Corps stuff) occurred based on a series of articles in the Washington Post. Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers (our Chief at the time) asked me just prior to an editorial board meeting with the Christian Science Monitor what my opinion was as to why. My answer; "it was our turn."

Simple enough and, sadly, very true. It was just our turn.

So when I read about our role as perceived by others in New Orleans, in Iraq, or in protecting wetlands with Nationwide Permits that ensure local involvement in the decision making process, or whatever, I just say to myself, "it's our turn, just wait it out."

In early May a book entitled "Cape Wind; Money, Celebrity, Politics and the Battle for America's Energy Future in Nantucket Sound," will be published.

It is written by two journalists, one a well-published author living on Cape Cod, and one who spends his time as the editorial page editor of the Providence Journal. As you've probably guessed, it's about placing a wind farm in Federal waters situated between Hyannis on the mainland and Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket islands.

In fact, it's actually about much more.

It's about money and politics and a controversial project. It's about the powerful and the renewable energy alternatives available in the United States. It's also a very biased book, biased in favor of the project focused on who the authors see as the "good guys" (those in favor) and the "bad guys" (those against). But it's also very much about the Army Corps of Engineers and our Regulatory permitting processes and the value of the often "beleaguered" work of the Public Affairs



The Yarmouth Hearing.



Cliff Carroll of 'Stop the Wind Farm' at hearing on Martha's Vineyard.

Office.

This 300 page non-fiction novel has nearly 100 mentions of the Corps and our work led by Karen Adams and the Regulatory team to put together a draft environmental impact statement and to ensure the public is involved in our process. The book also reports on our public hearings along with the inside baseball stuff like what to do when the Governor shows up to speak with little or no notice. But mostly the book is about the role of Public Affairs and the passionate voices on both sides of the issue and the struggle to maintain objective. Yes, the book reports about how the integrity of the Corps of Engineers could not be swayed by members of the Congress, by members of the media, by extremely wealthy industrialists, by stakeholder groups for and against, and by the passions of the day. The Corps is portrayed not as beleaguered, but as objective. Pretty good stuff - and the results were not accidental.

In early 2002 we sat down – Public Affairs, Regulatory and our Commander – to work out not only a strategy, but how that strategy would be implemented. Our communication strategy also included how I would be front and center taking flack (if you ever wondered why some call us flacks this is the reason) so Karen Adams as Project Manager would be free to implement the National Environmental Policy Act and so the Commander would be beyond reproach -- it is the commander who makes the final permit decision don't forget.

I settled on this communication goal: "At the end of the day, the Corps would be perceived as an agency with integrity, an agency that planned, coordinated and executed an open and fair process that would lead to the publishing of an environmental impact statement that was objective and fair and that could be used by the public to make informed decisions for themselves about the project."

A hellava goal. And if this book is an indication, a goal exceeded.

I suppose I shouldn't bore you describing the best ways

to confront controversial projects with passionate voices on both sides by engaging in an open and fair process in hope of reconciling divergent views to find the right solution (whew) any more than I should bore you with my thoughts on where the best pizza can be found in the Boston metropolitan area (I say Santarpio's in East Boston).

I will tell you that between the parts about the ASA-CW not succumbing to pressure from the chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, or the part about the District Commander addressing the Ocean Policy Commission to explain why the Corps of Engineers was not the best Federal agency to set national policy on renewable energy, or the many adventures of the PAO with the public hearings and Walter Cronkite and Mitt Romney... well, there's much insight into the Corps Regulatory process, how to involve the public in the government's decision making process, and our public interest review.

Anyway, next time you read something nasty in the newspaper, remember, it's just our turn. But also remember that the Corps of Engineers provides a public service and whether that service is cleaning Superfund sites, the stewardship of public lands, regulating impacts to waters and wetlands, or flood control, we take our work seriously. And when Public Affairs is actively engaged, we, the Army Corps of Engineers, bring more than value, we bring the ability to communicate with our many audiences (to listen and respond thoughtfully), we bring the ability to establish trust, and we bring the ability to build on the Corps very good reputation (despite the news of the moment).

For a bit of third-party insight into the value-added role of Public Affairs along with insight into how we, the Army Corps of Engineers, are really perceived by the public during these moments in time where the controversy sometimes overrides the reality, I recommend this book, biased as it is, published by the Perseus Books Group - Public Affairs Books.

Division Commander honors District employees during March Town Meeting

Brig. Gen. Todd Semonite, North Atlantic Division Commander, honored outstanding performances by some of New England District's finest during his Town Meeting March 30 in the Concord Park Cafeteria.

The Louisiana Recovery Field Office awarded Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding contributions to the Louisiana Recovery Field Office mission in support of FEMA ESF #3 response and recovery efforts for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Recipients were: Scott Accone, George Claflin, Dave Goodrich, Robert Govero, John Haluchak, Paul Howard, Maryellen Iorio, Phillip Nimeskern and Richard Roach.

The Vicksburg District awarded Achievement Medals for Civilian Service for meritorious achievement in support of Task Force Hope – Mississippi Hurricane Katrina Recovery Operations. Those who received the award were instrumental in the success of the Temporary Roofing Mission. Receiving the medals were Christopher Caisse, Randal Lecuyer and Jason Tremblay.

Vicksburg also awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service to Jo-Ann Dawber for exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of Task Force Hope Mississippi, Hurricane Katrina Recover Operations. Dawber served as the Administrative Assistant and Records Management Coordinator.

Ruth Ann Brien received a certificate of appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service for volunteering her time in Regulatory Division since January 2006 as an Environmental Specialist in the Policy Analysis and Technical Support Branch. According to the citation, her work has included review of dozens of mitigation monitoring reports, assistance with Regulatory IV PROSPECT Course and the compilation and analysis of over 100 compliance reports.

Brien has donated approximately 600 hours of her time over the past year.

Park Ranger Jennifer Rockett was awarded with Interpreter of the Year for New England District. See story on page 4 for details.

The Pacific Ocean Division awarded Ian Osgerby a Coin of Excellence for his technical support of the high profile Fuel Recovery Project at Five Closure Installations in Korea from March 2006 to February 2007. According to the citation his independent technical reviews eliminated weeks from the project schedule allowing the Far East Engineer District to meet their customer's very ambitious schedule.

Col. Diane Fletcher and Lt. Nancy McNutt of the CBHCO and Jim Newhall, Concord Park Guard, received Army Commendation Medals and Commanders Awards for Public Service. They were recognized for their critical roles in saving the life of a cardiac

victim at Concord Park.

Matthew Walsh received a Certificate of Appreciation from the North Atlantic Division for his diligent efforts in the initialization, development, and implementation of a Regional Enterprise Geographical System.

The GE Housatonic River Superfund Project Team received the 2007 Build America Award from the Associated General Contractors of America. Team members who were recognized were K.C. Mitkevicius, Peter Hugh, Peg Lorenzo, Darrell Moore and Randy Sujat.

Sean Dolan presented Col. Curtis Thalken with a U.S. Flag from Col. William Bulen, Commander, Afghanistan Engineer District. The flag was flown over the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Kabul and was given to the District Commander to recognize the service and sacrifice of the New England District volunteers who have served there.

Employees who have served there in the past are Jack Keenan, David Cole, Claudia Hixson, Jennifer Samela and Sean Dolan. Retiree Phil Durgin also volunteered for duty. Frank Fedele and Richalie Griffith are currently serving and Jeff Teller will be deploying there in the near future.

The awards ceremony concluded when Evamarie D'Antuono presented a Small Business Award to Charter Environmental.

It's time to think about summer safety

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tions.

Finally, take the time to protect yourself from the sun. The effects of skin damage are cumulative and this is an important issue for our work force of all ages. Be aware -- past burns can lead to future cases of skin cancer.

Protect your skin and your eyes both for the short term and the long term and you'll be healthier for it. Stay hydrated as well. It's easy to forget while you're working outside or hard at play, but take the time to keep your fluid levels up. While we're on the subject of water, remember -- alcohol and the lake don't

mix.

As always, thanks for everything you do to make the New England District a great place to work. Please take the time to keep yourself, your family and your friends safe.

Essayons!



Commodore Carolyn V. Belmore and Rear Commodore William O. Griffith of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Sector Southeastern New England conduct Vessel Safety Checks on the Corps patrol boats with Small Craft Operator Jay Deal.

Canal patrol boats get seal of approval from Coast Guard Auxiliary

**Story by Abigail Clark
Cape Cod Canal**

As the New England District prepares for the summer 2007 season, the Cape Cod Canal patrol boats will be displaying the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check decal.

A vessel safety check is a complimentary inspection of vessels to be sure it meets federal and state safety requirements.

These checks are conducted by Coast Guard Auxiliary members who do

not issue citations or report deficiencies. A decal is awarded if the vessel passes the examination.

The public may have boats inspected by attending the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2nd Annual Water Safety Day, May 19 at the Sandwich Marina. This a free event being held by the New England District with the support of the United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Environmental Police, town of Bourne and the town of Sandwich.

Come join us for vessel safety checks, agency vessel tours, games, presentations and much more! Vessel safety checks will be conducted across from the Sandwich Marina boat launch from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boats inspected that day will receive a voucher for a free launch at the Sandwich Marina.

Contact Park Ranger Abigail Clark at (978) 318-8636 or (508) 759-4431 ext. 636 or by e-mail at abigail.m.clark@usace.army.mil (Photos by Kevin Burke)

Dredging up the past . . .



The Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage program hosted a Women's Self Defense Demonstration in the Murphy Federal Center theatre in 1997. Shown in this photo were the participants: (top row) Sheila Winston-Vincuilla, Ella Minincleri, Lisa Greene, and Evamarie D'Antuono. Bottom row Carly Hogan (guest - Hudson Kenpo Karate), Christopher Scabia and Program Manager Peter Hugh. (Photo provided by Peter Hugh)

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